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Losing my best friend was the worst feeling in the world. I always wondered what she was doing and how she was doing but I never went after her. I never took the time to find out how she was doing and that broke my heart into a million pieces. Not only did I lose my best friend but I lost the love of my life.

Now, four years later, I am back in North Carolina and find myself longing to see her smile and feel her touch.

One day, she finally sees me and our eyes connect. The connection is still there. She can still make me weak at the knees and she still holds my heart and soul.

Things are different. She is dating my teammate Kyle and I hate him. Not for dating my Sophia but for being the worst person imaginable. But I vow to make her mine again. Welcome to my mind and life. My story about finally seeing Sophia again and how I will always be holding onto her.

*Recommended for 17+ due to mature themes and sexual content. New Adult Contemporary Romance. **Holding Onto You** is a 28,000 word novella.*

## **Holding onto You Details**

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## From Reader Review Holding onto You for online ebook

### Michelle Tikal says

*Holding Onto You* by S. Moose is Adam's side of the story but it is in no way a retelling. The majority of this book follows Adams through his time apart from Sophia and very little overlap in the stories actually occur but it has such a dramatic effect on really understanding and connecting with the couple, especially Adam. After *Reaching Out For You* I was left feeling just a bit empty without any real strong feelings one way or the other for Sophia or Adam, but *Holding Onto You* gives such great insight into their relationship as well as further detail into the past that it really drew me into their story and made me feel for them.

Adam's love and commitment to Sophia is noteworthy and touching. I loved that Sarah had a much larger part in this story, that she was really looking out for her sister as well as pushing for their reunification.

In my book *Holding Onto You* is a must read for anyone who has read *Reaching Out For You*. This is a great novella and it really is an important compliment to the first book.

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### Stacey says

\*\*\*ARC provided for honest review\*\*\* - originally posted at Reading Rainblog

I fell in love with Adam in *Reaching Out For You*, and that was just reinforced in *Holding Onto You*. This book follows Adam through the time between when Sophia ended their friendship, and when he runs back into her at college when he moves back to NC.

I'm usually really wary when it comes to alternate POV books, because so many are the same book, just told from the other POV. I was so glad to see that *Holding Onto You* wasn't that kind of book at all! *Holding Onto You* is a Novella Companion to *Reaching Out For You*, and it does a wonderful job at telling what Adam was up to while he and Sophia weren't speaking. We got to see much more of his relationship with his parents and brother Connor, as well as some of his behind-the-scenes interactions with Kyle.

I really enjoyed reading this POV, because I felt like I got Adam a little more. He was a little confusing in *Reaching Out For You*. If you're a fan of Adam and Sophia, this is a definite must-read, however, it's not a standalone book.

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### Chu says

Review Originally Posted at: Book Freak

We have all heard Sophia's side of the story, and now it is Adam's turn to be heard.

He was in a bad light when everyone thought of him leaving Sophia when she needed him the most. Now, we were brought back to that moment and finally made to see what made Adam leave. He was young, he felt useless, helpless, it overwhelmed him. Which I completely understood because he didn't suffer the same loss as she did, and not knowing what to do or say in front of someone you care the most, making her feel okay

can be a bit frustrating. But he didn't leave completely, he was still here – texting her, asking her to go to him just in case she needed him. Sophia, however, already made the scene which caused a humongous wall to sprout between them and for their friendship to break.

But now he's back, and he will do everything to prove to Sophia that he's here to stay. Problem is – Sophia now belongs to someone else.

Holding Onto You is in Adam's POV – this thoughts, his side of the story. We get to know him intimately as we gain access to his thoughts. Although I wanted it more than anything else in the world, I wished it could have been longer or the sequel of the story. It is a short read and can be finished in one sitting. Nevertheless, reading this story is a nice treat for fans of Never Letting Go Series.

\*ARC Copy was given in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Julie says**

Adam and Sophia have always been there for each other. That was until she fell apart after her mother's death. Adam didn't know what she needed, and couldn't seem to help Sophia. Adam was leaving for Boston, so he decided to just walk away.

Despite having a girlfriend that loved him, Adam just couldn't put his heart into the relationship. He gave his heart away a long time ago....to Sophia. No matter the miles that separated them, Adam still found himself wrapped up in the memory of Sophia.

Adam and Conner find themselves heading home. Their father has had a heart attack, and the boys will need to take over the business. Adam is excited and nervous at being near Sophia again. After keeping tabs on her through her family, Adam learns that Sophia has a boyfriend. Yet, he must find out if there is any hope of having her in his life again.

Holding Onto You is a short story that fills in the gaps from the time Adam and Sophia ended their friendship. It carries you through Adam during the college years in Boston, and takes you right up to when he decides not to give up on her when they meet again. The story is told from Adam's point of view. However, it abruptly stops when Adam and Sophia begin talking again. It does not carry through the entire relationship through Adam's eyes.

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### **Jennifer says**

\*\*ARC kindly provided by author in exchange for an honest review.\*\*

I LOVE Adam!!!! I was so excited to hear that Reaching out for You was getting a companion book told in Adam's POV. This book is definitely a companion book, you can't read this book without reading Book 1. What this book talks about is how Adam felt while him and Sophia were separated. I loved that we got to get into Adam's head. We also get to see how Adam felt about seeing Sophia for the first time after 4 yrs and how he feels about her being with Kyle. I loved that we got to see more of his and Connor's ( Adam's Brother ) relationship in this book. I was glad that we also got the backstory about Connor and his parents. This was a very quick read, I finished it in a couple of hours. This is definitely worth the read if you have read Book 1.

It truly does shed some light on things. Plus there were things that happen in this book between Adam and Kyle that were not in Book 1. It really confirmed my hatred of Kyle. I totally wanted to junk punch him even more after reading this book. This book did on the other hand reaffirm my LOVE for Adam. I loved how the author was able to get across Adam's feelings for Sophia. He truly is a man of every woman's dream.

My only negative regarding this book, has nothing to do with the storyline but more with the length of the book. I knew going into this it was a novella, and I am okay with that. I also knew that it was a companion book and that the author didn't want to retell Book 1 completely, but I do wish that the book would've been just a little bit longer so we would've gotten to see Adam's side of their relationship. We really didn't see much of Sophia in this book. But with that said it really didn't take away from my enjoyment of this book. I am really looking forward to book 3.

*Reviewed for [www.bookbitchesblog.com](http://www.bookbitchesblog.com)*

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### **Stephanie- The Boyfriend Bookmark says**

So the only thing I wanted from this book was... MORE! Holding Onto You is the second book in the Never Letting Go series by S. Moose and I just wanted more and more of it. I cannot wait for the next book!

S. Moose takes Adam and Sophia on a journey to be reunited. But will things go the way Adam wants them to? Adam and Sophia departed on terrible terms four years ago and in those four years, Adam has never been able to get Sophia off his mind. But it has been four years that they have been apart. He lost his best friend that day and it still haunts him to the core. He lives each day knowing that Sophia is the only one that will ever have his heart. Four years...

When Adam returns to his home town he is dead set on fixing things that are broken between him and Sophia. But is Sophia willing to take the chance and move beyond the hurt of the past? Can Adam make her see that she is the only one for him?

This is such a beautifully broken story told from Adam's point of view. The hurt and heartbreak that Adam feels is felt so strongly through the pages of this book. I love that this book is told from Adam's point of view. S. Moose does an amazing job with it. This book just tugged at my heart so much. I wanted so much for Sophia just to run to Adam and everything to be good between the two of them and for them to pick up where they left off before everything went wrong.

I loved this book and I really just want more of their story. This book has a certain sense of passion for the belief in true love, I just couldn't help but root for Adam and Sophia.

\*I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review\*

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### **Tantalizing says**

Holding Onto You is the companion novella to Reaching Out For You only it's told from Adam's perspective. Ok, I know what you are thinking, "it's only Reaching Out For You, only in Adam's words", well you couldn't be more wrong. Holding Onto You gives us the opportunity to find out what was happening in Adam's life those four years he was absent in Reaching Out For You.

This is a spoiler free review so I will not give you details that will ruin Adam's story for you. All I know is that when I finished Reaching Out For You I didn't think I could love Adam anymore than I already did, but after reading Holding Onto You I can tell you I love him so much more. Just knowing what he was thinking and how he was feeling both with and without Sophia tugged at my heartstrings, and made me want them together so badly. We get to witness how hard he had to fight to try to win Sophia from Kyle and how much he struggled just to hold on to her.

Saoching thank you soooooo much for writing Holding Onto You, and giving us readers who love him so much a chance to better know the man that stole our hearts. You had my emotions on overload and my had tear pooling in my eyes. What an amazingly written novella! I highly recommend this book to anyone who loved Reaching Out For You, and if you haven't read Reaching Out For You I would 1-click it and meet Adam and Sophia, then read Holding Onto You. You will not be disappointed. Saoching is one talented writer, and she is an amazing woman and friend too.

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### **For the Love of Books says**

I loved this companion novella!! Holding Onto You is book 2 in S. Moose's Never Letting Go Series. It is written in Adams POV and tells his side of their story from that terrible day 4 years ago up until one of his brief encounters with Sophia. This really helps you understand what Adam was going through and it actually made me like Sophia more than I did in the first book. I really liked that this novella didn't just rehash the exact same events as the first book. It just gave you a clearer picture of what was really going on. This is a definite must read after Reaching Out For You and I give it 4.5 stars! ~Kendra

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### **April says**

**\*\*\*\*\*I received an ARC of this book via the author in exchange for an HONEST review\*\*\*\*\***

Holding Onto You is the perfect title for this book. It is told from Adam's POV (from Reaching Out For You). No, it is not a retelling of ROFY, but it is about Adam's story and what happened to drag him and Sophia apart all those years ago. We get to find out what life was like for Adam during his absence in ROFY. Adam truly loved Sophia and made a minor mistake by trying to give Sophia space to mourn the loss of her mother. He thought he was being a good friend but instead he was distant when she needed him the most. Because of this foolish mistake they don't talk for 4 years. Adam tries to move on and live his life but he can't shake his feelings for Sophia. Even with a steady girlfriend nothing could compare to his love for Sophia. He held on to their friendship and his feelings for her. Even though he had a girlfriend he never stopped thinking of Sophia. Well tragedy strikes and Adam and Connor are forced to return back to NC, back to their hometown where Sophia lives and attends college. From this point on we find out the struggles that Adam went through to try to keep a hold on Sophia. I loved being in his head as he was trying to do everything he could to win her over from Kyle. Thank you Ms. Moose for giving us Adam!!!

(view spoiler)

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### **Kellie says**

Awesome companion- I actually enjoyed this more than Reaching Out For You and it also made me like it more, if that makes sense. It let you inside Adam's head, while Reaching was all Sophia's POV and what drove me nuts about her was gone in this book because Adam made her more relatable and therefore likable. I liked this very much. Great job babes! Xoxo

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### **Ambrosia says**

This is not a complete book. Once I realized that it was the companion book In the H's POV it made more sense. Otherwise it did not have a clear or engaging story line. The book is very disjointed and clunky. It is more understandable as a companion story, but even once I realized that, I had no desire to read the series. The H is a mess - and not in a sexy bad boy way, but In a clueless, pathetic way. And the writing style seemed too freshman - not showing, but telling. And not even telling the plot in a coherent fashion. Basically this seems like just another entry in the Already over-littered YA /NA field of a boy and a girl who are obsessed with each other, but who let youth and misunderstandings separate them. And there doesn't seem to be a beauty of style, originality of plot, or elegance of characterization to distinguish it. Maybe it is BECAUSE this is a companion story, and the author does not know how to tell the story without repeating everything. But that is a good reason not to write it. Do not give into the fangirl trend of writing the H 's POV in a separate story. It takes a high degree of skill to do it well, which most new authors do not have. And a truly good writer would be able to convey both POVs in a single book. Maybe the first book is better, but I won't bother testing it.

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### **Mary Tatar says**

Holding Onto You By S. Moose is the first book I have read from this author. I can honestly say that I knew it was a novella. I had no idea there was a first book. I know what is wrong with me! I have been totally missing out on this story. Now Holding Onto You is a companion novella to Reaching Out For You. I can attest that it can be read as a stand alone. I'm almost certain I would of gotten more out of it if I had read the first book before hand. I know my loss, right! I did read this in no time and when it ended I wanted more. I had to turn the pages and see if there was anything else waiting for me. Sadly it wasn't. Good news is that it seems to be setting up the next book that I'm definitely going to read. I really enjoyed this book. Adam and Sophia seem to have something special. I felt so many things for them even in the short time I spent with them.

This is Adam's story. What went on in that head of his when his friendship with Sophia kinda disappeared. Now that to me is so sad. These two people lost the one thing they thought they could count on. They seemed to be both very, very stubborn. I can see why they are so compatible. They have this bond that may of been broken but is looking to be repaired. It may take some time, but I think they can get there. It would be so wonderful to see these kids be happy together.

Sophia had a breakdown. She lost her mother and Adam's distance destroyed her. She needed comfort and when the going got tough Adam just left. He went to school and hasn't spoken to Sophia in four years. He comes back and is attending his last year of school. It is inevitable that they run into one another. They go to the same school now. The thing in all those years he was away Sophia remained in his heart. Now he doesn't want to make the same mistakes he made in years past. Things aren't the same Sophia has worked hard to get over her tragedy. Adam coming back throws a wrench in her plans. She has moved on and has a boyfriend named Kyle. Adam doesn't care he wants back what they once had. I'm hoping and praying that he gets what he wants. It really would be a very good thing for the both of them.

I'm really hoping that you take my advice and read this one and especially after you read the first in the series. It is the perfect companion novel. I am so happy I got the chance to read it.

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### **Maureen Mayer says**

4.5 Stars!

I really enjoyed reading this story from Adam's POV. In *Reaching Out For You*, we see how hurt Sophia was when her mother died and her best friend eventually slipped away, but in this novella we see just how much Adam was hurting as well. I kinda felt for the guy...it's hard dealing with another person's emotions as well as your own, especially when you're just a teenager, and sometimes it's better to take a step back and give that person the time and space that they need to heal. However, in this case it backfired.

After four years, Adam is clearly still in love with Sophia, and seeing her again causes a flood of emotions to return. Only problem is...she's in a relationship with Kyle. It's obvious that Sophia is uncomfortable around her boyfriend and Adam notices it too, but Kyle isn't willing to give her up so easily and tells Adam to back off.

We get a glimpse at Adam and Sophia rekindling their friendship at the end, and I wish there had been more because I felt it ended a bit abruptly. I would have liked to see more of Adam and Sophia's journey from his POV. What can I say...I just love Adam!

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### **Liloshadow (ReNee) says**

I honestly never leave negative reviews, but this book is absolutely terrible. I'm shocked by all the positive reviews. I thought the plot sounded like a good idea but the writing at best is at an 8th grade level. The characters are one dimensional and the heroine especially is hard to understand. I'm sorry to say I would not recommend this to anyone.

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### **Tracey says**

*Holding out for you* is a companion novel to *Reaching out for you*, it's Adam's Point of view, it doesn't cover the whole story again, but let's us get to know Adam a bit more, and yes he's still adorable.

Before picking up this book I have to say you need to read book 1 first, but this is definitely worth the read. It's only a short book, it features Connor, his brother a lot too as he's there for Adam all the time, guiding and supporting him. It lets us into Adam's mind and his dreams!!, they were very sexy.

If you enjoyed book one, or just loved Adam this is a must read.

Four stars.

I received an arc of this book from the author for an honest review.

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